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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Bureau of Land Management
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service **{Lead}**
Director, National Park Service
Director, Office of Surface Mining
Director, Geological Survey
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lower Valley Energy Natural Gas Pipeline Project, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Sublette and Teton Counties, Wyoming
(ER 06/642)(Agency due date: August 14, 2006)

The Forest Service has published the subject draft EIS and has requested the Department to review and comment on it. You may access the document on the Internet at the Bridger-Teton National Forest web site at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/btnf/projects/2006/lower_valley_energy/DEIS%20LVE%20Natural%20Gas%20Pipeline%20Project.pdf This Office has one copy of the Draft EIS that may be borrowed for review by those who have no access to the Internet.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the statement from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service in Denver, Colorado by **July 31, 2006**.

The Regional Director, FWS, will prepare the Department's comments for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer (REO) in Denver, Colorado by **August 8, 2006**.

We believe that an energy impact review of the draft Departmental comments may be necessary. If so, the REO will circulate the draft comments to appropriate bureaus for this review. Energy impact review comments must be returned to the REO within three working days. No response will be considered to be no comment and no objection.

Please supply all signed paper comments, comments on disk, or comments being submitted electronically to the REO.

A related review is under ER 04/568 (NOI).

/s/ 6/28/06
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